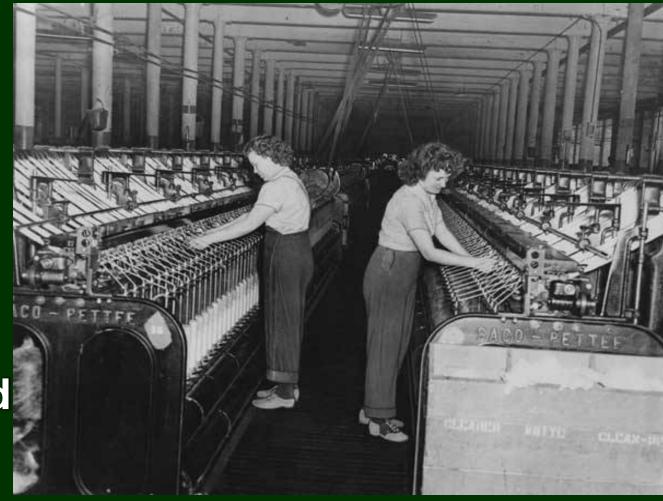
Cotton Mill

Village begun around 1918

Lincoln School established in 1929



- Lincoln Mill Village became a run down slum area
 - -living conditions dramatically declined,
 - -crime was rampant and
 - -hopelessness instead of cotton was now the "cash crop"



- In 2002 a local church decided to do something about it and formed the Lincoln Village Ministry
 - -Many Churches (15+) of different denominations have joined in the effort
 - -501c3 formed to develop housing
 - -Widespread integration of efforts



Home



A Community Again

Many Facets of the Lincoln Village Ministry

- The Lincoln Elementary School
- Lincoln Village Preservation Corporation Lincoln Village neighborhood housing
- Lincoln Village Medical, Legal, Food/Clothes Pantry and Social Work assistance efforts
- Lincoln Village Church
- The Linc
- Future Programs

NOTE - Lincoln Village Ministries received one of 10 awards from FASTEN, a PEW Charitable Trust initiative, for community service collaborations

http://www.lincolnvillageministry.com/

Lincoln Elementary School

Lincoln Elementary has benefited

- 1. tutors during and after school
- 2. room mothers for each classroom
- 3. clothes closet
- 4. We renovated a gym/storage building and transformed it into a Science Lab

The Result -

a school on Academic Alert in 2002 (SAT scores in the 15-20 percentile range);

spring 2008 achieved SAT scores as good as any elementary school in Huntsville and better than most, 95% exceeded average, 100% attendance at tests).

Lincoln Elementary received a Torchbearer Award from the State for "high-poverty public schools that have overcome the odds to become high-performing schools".

- 40+ housing units purchased
- 18 fully renovated and Leased to needy but responsible families and individuals
 - -There is a waiting list
- •More to go, beginning to develop infill.
- Privately held 501 (c)(3) run by a community board of directors











The Lincoln Village Preservation









The Lincoln Village Church

- A neighborhood church building was purchased in 2006
- Currently hosting a non-denominational service weekly
- Currently houses an after-school tutoring program (Linc)
- Plan to build a large playground
- Hope to have a fully stocked reading room and game room as well
- Will have formal church services starting in 2009
 - -Hired a minister earlier this year

The Linc

- The Linc is an after school tutoring program for children in the Lincoln Village community
- •Every Monday through Thursday during the school year, the students will participate in after school playtime at the Village Church; eat an evening meal prepared by volunteers; receive individual tutoring/help with homework; and attend weekly activities such as swimming lessons, gymnastics classes, and art classes, etc.

Medical, Legal, Food/Clothes Pantry and Social Work Assistance Efforts

- Provide medical services including surgeries, cosmetic dental procedures, optometry, etc. for individual's physical health and emotional well being. – Coordinate with HEALS
- Offer legal assistance for those unable to afford adequate legal representation, preventing existing problems from becoming too great to overcome.
- Meet physical needs by providing food and clothing to those in need in our community.
- Impact the emotional stability of individuals dealing with mental illness and everyday coping skills through pediatric and adult psychiatrists and psychologists.

Ground Floor Opportunities

There are two areas where the LV Ministry is starting to focus on:

- 1. Providing employment, training, and better educational development to help raise the standard of living of the current generation and break the cycle of hopelessness for the next generation
- 2. A study group has been formed to look at the possibility of starting a Children's Ranch in Madison County. This would provide permanent housing through High School for abandoned, neglected and abused children

Needs

- School Tutors, special event sponsors, technology assistance, hardware/software, "cool" handouts/give-away
- Housing Funding to purchase and renovate homes, work crews, materials
- Linc Computer hardware/software, food donors/preparers, tutors, field trip coordinators/helpers, mentors/role models
- •Funding/Material Needs:
 - -Social Work/Counseling
 - -Intervention specialists
 - -Medical needs
 - -Legal Needs
 - -Food/Clothes Pantry (can provide workers here as well)
 - -Playground equipment
 - -School supplies
 - -Incentives/Prizes for students
 - -Gifts for teachers and ministry staff

Vision

Restoration of Community Rescue of Families Hope for the Hopeless A Beginning

